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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 21, 2009. Reconsideration and further examination are hereby requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response begins on page 4 of this paper.